



## 2008 Summer Reading List

Summer offers a perfect time to read for pleasure whether relaxing at home or on vacation. Research shows that students who read for enjoyment become better readers in many different ways. This list provides lots of great choices for summer reading across the curriculum for every grade level. There is something here for everyone, but it is not an all-inclusive list. Parents and families will want to preview every title for appropriateness of content, interest and reading level before selecting it for summer reading for their children.

### **Primary** **(Kindergarten - Grade 2)**

*10 Little Rubber Ducks* – Eric Carle  
*Arrorro Mi Nino: Latino Lullabies and Gentle Games* (Bilingual edition) – Lulu Delacre  
*Bottle Houses: The Creative World of Grandma Prisbrey* – Melissa Eskridge Slaymaker  
*Boundless Grace* – Mary Hoffman  
*Don't Bump the Glump: And Other Fantasies* – Shel Silverstein  
*Evie Finds Her Family Tree* – Ashley Ransburg  
*Fancy Nancy/Nancy la Elegante* (Spanish edition) – Jane O'Connor  
*From the Bellybutton of the Moon: And Other Summer Poems/Del Ombligo de la Luna: Y Otros Poemas de Verano* (Bilingual edition) – Francisco Alarcon  
*Good Sports: Rhymes about Running, Jumping, Throwing, and More* – Jack Prelutsky  
*Grandpa Gazillion's Number Yard* – Laurie Keller  
*Greedy Triangle* – Marilyn Burns  
*Horton Hears a Who* – Dr. Seuss  
*I Know a Shy Fellow Who Swallowed a Cello* – Barbara Garriel  
*Karate Hour* – Carol Nevius  
*Math Fables* – Greg Tang  
*Max's Words* – Kate Banks  
*Moon Rope/Un lazo a la luna* (Bilingual edition) – Amy Prince, Lois Ehlert  
*On Meadowview Street* – Henry Cole  
*Open Wide: Tooth School Inside* – Laurie Keller  
*Pigs in the Pantry: Fun with Math and Cooking* – Amy Axelrod  
*Stand Tall, Abe Lincoln* – Judith St. George  
*Wheels on the Bus* – Paul Zelinsky  
*When Stories Fell Like Shooting Stars* – Valiska Gregory  
*Winston of Churchill* – One Bear's Battle Against Global Warming – Jean Davies Okimoto  
*You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Mother Goose Tales to Read Together* – Mary Ann Hoberman

### **K-2 Spanish selections:**

*Arrorro Mi Nino: Latino Lullabies and Gentle Games* (Bilingual edition) – Lulu Delacre  
*Fancy Nancy/Nancy la Elegante* (Spanish edition) – Jane O'connor  
*From the Bellybutton of the Moon: And Other Summer Poems/Del Ombligo de la Luna: Y Otros Poemas de Verano* (Bilingual edition) – Francisco Alarcon  
*Moon Rope/Un lazo a la luna* (Bilingual edition) – Amy Prince, Lois Ehlert

## **Intermediate** **(Grades 3-5)**

*A Child's Introduction to Ballet: The Stories, Music, and Magic of Classical Dance* – Laura Lee  
*A Gift from Papá Diego/Un regalo de papá Diego* (Bilingual edition) – Benjamin Alire Senz  
*Boy Who Drew Birds: A Story of John James Audubon* – Jacqueline Davies  
*D is for Democracy: A Citizen's Alphabet* – Elissa Grodin  
*Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules* – Jeff Kinney  
*Dog Diaries: Secret Writings of the WOOF Society* – Betsy Byars  
*For the Love of Animals: Rhyme and Reason With Animals* – Craig Gosling  
*From Sea to Shining Sea: A Treasury of American Folklore and Folk Songs* – Amy Cohn  
*George vs. George: The American Revolution As Seen From Both Sides* – Rosalyn Schanzer  
*Librarian Who Measured the Earth* – Kathryn Lasky  
*Math Rashes* – Douglas Evans  
*Math-terpieces* – Greg Tang  
*My Diary from Here to There/Mi diario de aqui hasta alla* (Bilingual edition) – Amada Irma Perez  
*Olympic Dream* – Matt Christopher  
*Rockwell: A Boy and His Dog* – Loren Spiotta DiMare  
*Sir Cumference and the Isle of the Immeter* – Cindy Neuschwander  
*Six Innings* – James Preller  
*Space* (Insiders series) – Alan Dyer  
*Sports Illustrated for Kids: The Amazing World of Sports* – Editors of Sports Illustrated  
*Storyteller's Candle/La velita de los cuentos* (Bilingual edition) – Lucia Gonzalez  
*Tiger Math: Learning to Graph from a Baby Tiger* – Ann Whitehead Nagda  
*Weird Weather: Everything You Didn't Want to Know About Climate Change But Probably Should Find Out* – Kate Evans  
*When Harriet Met Sojourner* – Catherine Clinton  
*Who Won the War* (Boy/Girl Battle Series) – Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
*Young Abe Lincoln: The Frontier Days, 1809-1837* – Cheryl Harness

### **3-5 Spanish selections:**

*A Gift from Papá Diego/Un regalo de papá Diego* (Bilingual edition) – Benjamin Alire Senz  
*My Diary from Here to There/Mi diario de aqui hasta alla* (Bilingual edition) – Amada Irma Perez  
*Storyteller's Candle/La velita de los cuentos* (Bilingual edition) – Lucia Gonzalez

## **Middle School** **(Grades 6-8)**

*A House of Tailors* – Patricia Reilly Giff  
*Abraham Lincoln: From Pioneer to President* – Ellen Blue Phillips  
*All of the Above* – Shelley Pearsall  
*Bodies from the Ash: Life and Death in Ancient Pompeii* – James Deem  
*Children of Willesden Lane: Beyond the Kindertransport: A Memoir of Music, Love, and Survival* – Mona Golabek, Lee Cohen  
*Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie* – Jordan Sonnenblick  
*Esperanza Rising/Esperanza Renace* (Spanish edition) – Pam Munoz Ryan  
*Eye of the Crow: The Boy Sherlock Holmes, His First Case* – Shane Peacock  
*Firegirl* – Tony Abbott  
*G is for Googol: A Math Alphabet Book* – David Schwartz  
*Girls Got Game: Sports Stories and Poems* – Sue Macy  
*Guys Write for Guys Read* – Jon Scieszka  
*Magical Life of Long Tack Sam* – Ann Marie Fleming  
*Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller* – Sarah Miller  
*Oh, Yuck! The Encyclopedia of Everything Nasty* – Joy Masoff  
*Stargirl/Stargirl* (Spanish edition) – Jerry Spinelli  
*Summer Olympics: The Definitive Guide to the World's Greatest Sports Celebration* - Clive Gifford  
*Team Moon* – Catherine Thimmesh  
*The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain* – Peter Sis  
*Throwing Stones* – Kristi Collier  
*Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion* – Loree Griffin Burns  
*Waiting for Normal* – Leslie Connor  
*Wednesday Wars* – Gary Schmidt  
*What's Your Angle, Pythagoras?* – Julie Ellis  
*Wild Wheels* – Harrod Blank

### **6-8 Spanish selections:**

*Esperanza Rising/Esperanza Renace* (Spanish edition) – Pam Munoz Ryan  
*Stargirl/Stargirl* (Spanish edition) – Jerry Spinelli

## **High School** **(Grades 9-12, adults)**

*7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* – Sean Covey  
*Amazing Gracie: A Dog's Tale* – Dan Dye  
*An Abundance of Katherines* – John Green  
*Candle in the Darkness* (series) – Lynn Austin  
*Code Orange* – Caroline Cooney  
*Dairy Queen* – Catherine Murdock  
*Dreaming in Color: A Story of One Girl's Triumph Over Blindness* – Claudia Muttart Hammonds  
*Eggs* – Jerry Spinelli  
*Found (The Missing)* – Margaret Peterson Haddix  
*Game* – Walter Dean Myers  
*Hattie Big Sky* – Kirby Larson  
*Imponderables: Science* (series) – David Feldman  
*In the Time of the Butterflies/En el tiempo de las mariposas* (Spanish edition) – Julia Alvarez  
*In Code: A Mathematical Journey* – Sarah Flannery  
*Indiana Legends: Famous Hoosiers from Johnny Appleseed to David Letterman* – Nelson Price  
*Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery* (series) – John Feinstein  
*Left for Dead: A Young Man's Search for Justice for the USS Indianapolis* – Pete Nelson  
*President's House: 1800 to the Present, The Secrets and History of the World's Most Famous Home* – Margaret Truman  
*Quiet Strength: The Principles, Practices, and Priorities of a Winning Life* – Tony Dungy  
*The River Between Us* – Richard Peck  
*Swifter, Higher, Stronger: A Photographic History of the Summer Olympics* – Sue Macy  
*Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln* – Doris Kearns Goodwin  
*Under the Same Sky* – Cynthia DeFelice  
*Walt Disney's Nine Old Men and the Art of Animation* – John Canemaker  
*When I Was Puerto Rican/Cuando era puertorriquena* (Spanish Edition) – Esmeralda Santiago

### **9-Adult Spanish selections:**

*In the Time of the Butterflies/En el tiempo de las mariposas* (Spanish edition) – Julia Alvarez  
*When I Was Puerto Rican/Cuando era puertorriquena* (Spanish edition) – Esmeralda Santiago